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It has been reported that Joseph Kryss, who formerly had an office under the name of Buma Dueromaschinen Gesellschaft - Kryss & Co. o.B.G., Frankfurt, Main, Neckarstrasse 9, Telephone 33 579, was arrested a short time ago and is at present in Mosbit. Kryss' firm was considered an unofficial branch of the Firma Jacob Heitler, which has a branch office in Berlin at Greifswaller Strasse 220. Kryss was arrested on the basis of information provided by one Klaus Wagner, who worked closely with Kryss and who had been arrested by the Customs Service (Zollfahndungsdienst) shortly before Kryss was arrested. From 1 January 1952 up to 1 March 1953, Kryss had delivered through his Frankfurt office steel goods (Stahlwaren) valued at 160,000 U.S. dollars. (Fnu) Burger was the middleman between Kryss and various West German firms. As far as is known Burger has not yet been arrested and still has residences in Munich and Berlin. The Heitler firm is officially located in Tel-Aviv and merely maintains a branch office in East Berlin.

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